SAIL have applied for renewal of ihe aforesaid mining lease, to the State Government. The matter is pending for want of forest clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, who have been urged to expedite.

Production Of Steel

1667. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the targets for steel products have been achieved in the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the total production of each item produced by the Steel Industry in Public and Private Sectors during the last three years; and

(c) what is the price hike during last three years and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The actual production of Finished Steel was less than the expected production during the last three years. The expected production of finished steel and the production of steel by public and private sector during the last three years was as under:

(In million tonnes)

Year	Expected Production	Actual Production		
		Public sector	Private Sector	Total
1990-91	14.40	6.26	7.27	13.53
1991-92	14.81	6.97	7.36	14.33
1992-93 (Prov.)	16.12	7.47	7.63	15.10

(c) The increases in prices of steel items produced by the integrated steel plants during the last three years with reasons are as under:

Effective Date	Quantum of Increase in steel price	Reasons
18-9-1990	5%	General price increase to meet escalations in input prices and to cover the increase in the Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund (EGEAF) levy and Freight Equalisation Fund (FEF) levy.
26-7-1991	Average of Rs. 36/T	Increase in special excise duty.
1-9-1991	Rs. 90/T	Increase in outward railway freight.
1-3-1992	Rs. 260/T on long products and Rs. 100-830/T on flat products	Increase in excise duty.
1-4-1992	Rs. 124/T	Increase in outward railway freight.
18/19-5-1992	Average of 15%	General price increase to meet escalation in input costs.
2/3-2-1993	Average of 2-3%	To restructure prices and to offset the increase in input costs.
1-3-1993	1% on flat products and Rs. 80/- per tonne on long products and semis	Increase in excise duty.
1-4-1993	Rs. 130/- per tonne	Increase on outward railway freight.